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# First Steps SPOE Data Quarterly Report

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### Number of Referrals and IFSP Eligibility Rates by Month

SPOE	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Total	Avg. per Month
<b>Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	150	134	169	183	167	174	145	149	164	158	143	170	1,906	158.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	74	61	75	83	78	68	57	81	89	82	67	69	884	73.7
% that went to IFSP	49.3%	45.5%	44.4%	45.4%	46.7%	39.1%	39.3%	54.4%	54.3%	51.9%	46.9%	40.6%	46.4%	
<b>St. Louis County (Reg. 2)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	221	208	229	193	257	222	264	171	193	248	199	266	2,671	222.6
Referrals resulting in IFSP	106	80	110	79	108	95	115	73	74	101	62	85	1,088	90.7
% that went to IFSP	48.0%	38.5%	48.0%	40.9%	42.0%	42.8%	43.6%	42.7%	38.3%	40.7%	31.2%	32.0%	40.7%	
<b>Northeast (Reg. 3)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	76	51	96	81	98	82	78	71	69	92	80	82	956	79.7
Referrals resulting in IFSP	23	19	34	29	37	28	32	23	27	34	27	32	345	28.8
% that went to IFSP	30.3%	37.3%	35.4%	35.8%	37.8%	34.1%	41.0%	32.4%	39.1%	37.0%	33.8%	39.0%	36.1%	
<b>Northwest (Reg. 4)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	105	110	128	128	125	133	121	130	97	134	84	137	1,432	119.3
Referrals resulting in IFSP	53	54	51	47	47	53	50	49	39	61	37	55	596	49.7
% that went to IFSP	50.5%	49.1%	39.8%	36.7%	37.6%	39.8%	41.3%	37.7%	40.2%	45.5%	44.0%	40.1%	41.6%	
<b>Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	173	173	224	203	232	216	228	203	165	225	193	197	2,432	202.7
Referrals resulting in IFSP	71	78	91	87	95	68	95	87	64	94	77	64	971	80.9
% that went to IFSP	41.0%	45.1%	40.6%	42.9%	40.9%	31.5%	41.7%	42.9%	38.8%	41.8%	39.9%	32.5%	39.9%	
<b>Central (Reg. 6)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	118	101	148	121	110	131	143	115	116	154	131	132	1,520	126.7
Referrals resulting in IFSP	56	37	66	46	53	59	59	39	46	68	62	48	639	53.3
% that went to IFSP	47.5%	36.6%	44.6%	38.0%	48.2%	45.0%	41.3%	33.9%	39.7%	44.2%	47.3%	36.4%	42.0%	
<b>Southwest (Reg. 7)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	74	56	77	68	83	78	66	80	62	85	83	66	878	73.2
Referrals resulting in IFSP	34	25	32	37	44	35	29	38	28	41	47	29	419	34.9
% that went to IFSP	45.9%	44.6%	41.6%	54.4%	53.0%	44.9%	43.9%	47.5%	45.2%	48.2%	56.6%	43.9%	47.7%	
<b>South Central (Reg. 8)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	140	87	130	158	137	149	136	135	124	127	150	147	1,620	135.0
Referrals resulting in IFSP	59	46	55	69	52	66	45	53	53	55	65	57	675	56.3
% that went to IFSP	42.1%	52.9%	42.3%	43.7%	38.0%	44.3%	33.1%	39.3%	42.7%	43.3%	43.3%	38.8%	41.7%	
<b>East Central (Reg. 9)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	118	115	146	141	163	132	149	132	130	167	134	136	1,663	138.6
Referrals resulting in IFSP	58	47	60	65	74	56	65	54	51	74	58	53	715	59.6
% that went to IFSP	49.2%	40.9%	41.1%	46.1%	45.4%	42.4%	43.6%	40.9%	39.2%	44.3%	43.3%	39.0%	43.0%	
<b>Southeast (Reg. 10)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	89	92	97	106	134	114	104	87	110	116	110	108	1,267	105.6
Referrals resulting in IFSP	36	29	52	47	57	55	40	33	39	45	49	52	534	44.5
% that went to IFSP	40.4%	31.5%	53.6%	44.3%	42.5%	48.2%	38.5%	37.9%	35.5%	38.8%	44.5%	48.1%	42.1%	
<b>Grand Total - Referrals by SPOE</b>	1264	1127	1444	1382	1506	1431	1434	1273	1230	1506	1307	1441	16,345	1362.1
<b>Grand Total - Referral resulting in IFSP</b>	570	476	626	589	645	583	587	530	510	655	551	544	6,866	572.2
<b>% that went to IFSP</b>	45.1%	42.2%	43.4%	42.6%	42.8%	40.7%	40.9%	41.6%	41.5%	43.5%	42.2%	37.8%	42.0%	

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child  
IFSP counts are unduplicated

### Primary Referral Sources and IFSP Eligibility Rates Over Last 12 Months

SPOE	Medical Providers	Social Service Agencies	Early Childhood Programs	Parent
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	840	78	154	834
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	352	20	64	448
IFSP Rate	41.9%	25.6%	41.6%	53.7%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,258	137	162	1,114
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	456	29	48	555
IFSP Rate	36.2%	21.2%	29.6%	49.8%
Northeast (Reg. 3)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	561	95	110	190
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	192	23	33	97
IFSP Rate	34.2%	24.2%	30.0%	51.1%
Northwest (Reg. 4)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	645	48	102	637
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	249	7	36	304
IFSP Rate	38.6%	14.6%	35.3%	47.7%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,070	148	211	1,003
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	363	35	84	489
IFSP Rate	33.9%	23.6%	39.8%	48.8%
Central (Reg. 6)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	927	76	158	359
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	369	22	68	180
IFSP Rate	39.8%	28.9%	43.0%	50.1%
Southwest (Reg. 7)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	381	61	168	268
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	155	17	90	157
IFSP Rate	40.7%	27.9%	53.6%	58.6%
South Central (Reg. 8)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	729	184	240	467
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	283	36	99	257
IFSP Rate	38.8%	19.6%	41.3%	55.0%
East Central (Reg. 9)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	819	139	177	528
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	336	27	78	274
IFSP Rate	41.0%	19.4%	44.1%	51.9%
Southeast (Reg. 10)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	676	173	1,604	296
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	295	28	649	162
IFSP Rate	43.6%	16.2%	40.5%	54.7%
Grand Total - Primary Referrals (last 12 months)	7,906	1,139	1,604	5,696
Grand Total - Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	3,050	244	649	2,923
<b>IFSP Rate for Each Referral Source</b>	<b>38.6%</b>	<b>21.4%</b>	<b>40.5%</b>	<b>51.3%</b>
% by Source - Statewide	48.4%	7.0%	9.8%	34.8%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child

IFSP counts are unduplicated

Medical Providers include Hospital (other than NICU), Physician (inc. Psych.), Other health care provider, Public Health Facilities/Providers, and NICU.

Social Service Agencies include DMH, DHSS, CAPTA, Homeless Family Shelters, Domestic Violence Shelters/Agencies, and Social Service Agency (inc Foster Care).

Early Childhood Programs include Parents as Teachers, Head Start/Early Head Start, Other LEA program, Child Care Program/Provider, and MSD/MSB.

### Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Program Eligibility

		Dev. Delay - Half Age	Dev. Delay - ICO*	Medical Condition/Medical Condition - ICO*	Very Low Birth Weight	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	642	119	251	123	1,135
	Percent	56.6%	10.5%	24.5%	10.8%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	815	157	291	177	1,440
	Percent	56.6%	10.9%	20.6%	12.3%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	292	14	134	55	495
	Percent	59.0%	2.8%	31.9%	11.1%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	501	22	150	69	742
	Percent	67.5%	3.0%	19.2%	9.3%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	781	16	246	125	1,168
	Percent	66.9%	1.4%	22.0%	10.7%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	544	35	207	89	875
	Percent	62.2%	4.0%	26.4%	10.2%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	360	37	61	41	499
	Percent	72.1%	7.4%	18.0%	8.2%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	536	84	172	67	859
	Percent	62.4%	9.8%	19.0%	7.8%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	583	31	188	119	921
	Percent	63.3%	3.4%	24.1%	12.9%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	443	17	122	52	634
	Percent	69.9%	2.7%	21.3%	8.2%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	5,497	532	1,822	917	8,768
	Percent	62.7%	6.1%	20.8%	10.5%	100.0%

\* Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)

### Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Setting\*

		Home	Community Setting	Total Natural Environment Setting	Other**	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	1,047	62	1,109	5	1,114
	Percent	94.0%	5.6%	99.6%	0.4%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	1,360	61	1,421	6	1,427
	Percent	95.3%	4.3%	99.6%	0.4%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	450	39	489	2	491
	Percent	91.6%	7.9%	99.6%	0.4%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	678	57	735	0	735
	Percent	92.2%	7.8%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	1,086	70	1,156	0	1,156
	Percent	93.9%	6.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	770	96	866	0	866
	Percent	88.9%	11.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	430	65	495	0	495
	Percent	86.9%	13.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	745	102	847	1	848
	Percent	87.9%	12.0%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	890	26	916	1	917
	Percent	97.1%	2.8%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	567	63	630	1	631
	Percent	89.9%	10.0%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	8,023	641	8,664	16	8,680
	Percent	92.4%	7.4%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%

\*Does not include children with meetings in ongoing status.

\*\* Other includes Special Purpose Center, Hospital, Residential Facility, and Service Provider Location.

### Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Race

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Total % of Pop	4.90%	4.49%	4.28%	3.70%	3.47%	4.75%	3.97%	3.74%	4.70%	4.34%	4.20%
Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander*											
% of Pop.	4.44%	3.00%	2.00%	2.30%	1.32%	3.53%	3.30%	2.93%	2.70%	2.13%	2.97%
Black or African American**											
% of Pop.	5.10%	4.92%	4.01%	4.70%	3.81%	5.42%	4.57%	3.44%	5.46%	5.47%	4.67%
White											
% of Pop.	4.89%	4.35%	4.34%	3.63%	3.50%	4.72%	4.00%	3.84%	4.70%	4.20%	4.18%
Native American or Alaska Native											
% of Pop.	3.37%	4.90%	2.78%	0.57%	0.00%	0.00%	3.13%	1.02%	0.00%	0.00%	1.28%

\*Census data (2022 US Census Estimates) combines race categories Asian & Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

\*\*Children with two or more races are included in the Black percent of population.

### Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Ethnicity

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	103	94	26	81	178	92	96	71	47	32	820
Under 3 Pop.	1,521	1,798	523	1,892	5,200	1,273	1,754	1,510	954	707	17,132
% of Pop.	6.77%	5.23%	4.97%	4.28%	3.42%	7.23%	5.47%	4.70%	4.93%	4.53%	4.79%
NOT Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	1,032	1,346	469	661	990	783	403	788	874	602	7,948
Under 3 Pop.	21,622	30,301	11,052	18,170	28,497	17,151	10,809	21,481	18,661	13,887	191,631
% of Pop.	4.77%	4.44%	4.24%	3.64%	3.47%	4.57%	3.73%	3.67%	4.68%	4.33%	4.15%

### Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP, Last 12 Months

SPOE	Child Deceased	Completion of IFSP	Moved Out of State	Parent Withdrawn/ Withdrawn due to FCP	Pt B Elig in Process	Pt B Inelig Exit to Other/Pt B Inelig Exit w/o Ref	Pt B Ref Refused Parent	Transition to Part B	Unable to Contact/ Locate	Grand Total
Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	0.5%	3.7%	3.1%	11.6%	8.9%	11.0%	7.6%	46.7%	6.9%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Region 2)	0.3%	2.3%	3.1%	10.6%	4.4%	11.3%	5.2%	52.9%	9.9%	100.0%
Northeast (Region 3)	0.3%	0.0%	2.8%	16.5%	1.9%	12.4%	2.5%	57.5%	6.2%	100.0%
Northwest (Region 4)	0.3%	0.8%	4.5%	17.8%	3.1%	12.3%	6.3%	50.6%	4.4%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	0.3%	1.8%	6.6%	12.6%	4.7%	9.6%	7.4%	50.7%	6.2%	100.0%
Central (Region 6)	0.0%	0.5%	2.7%	17.7%	3.7%	10.9%	6.6%	52.8%	4.9%	100.0%
Southwest (Region 7)	0.5%	6.4%	3.1%	19.8%	1.7%	5.7%	5.5%	52.5%	4.8%	100.0%
South Central (Region 8)	0.0%	3.2%	4.2%	23.0%	3.7%	8.0%	7.9%	45.0%	5.0%	100.0%
East Central (Region 9)	0.6%	2.7%	4.7%	12.3%	1.9%	12.9%	7.7%	52.6%	4.6%	100.0%
Southeast (Region 10)	0.4%	0.4%	5.1%	19.8%	2.4%	15.5%	9.4%	39.2%	7.8%	100.0%
Statewide %	0.3%	2.3%	4.1%	15.2%	4.1%	10.9%	6.8%	49.9%	6.4%	100.0%

Percentage = Inactivation Reason/Total for each SPOE

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP can include multiple enrollment periods for one child.